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## FROM THE EDITORS

## "CHALLENGES AND CHANGES"

Such was the theme of our sixth annual meeting that recently took place in Saskatoon. This issue outlines the reports submitted at the meeting. What we regret not to have given you is fuller content of the rest of the program. Briefly, it went as follows: on Monday, the keynote speaker discussed continuing medical education with special reference to hospital libraries. This was followed by a talk on economic cutbacks; "How to Manage a Library in an era of fiscal restraint,?" There were small group sessions in the afternoon to enable members to participate in close discussion on several topics. Each session was given twice to allow more members to participate. The panel presentation of Tuesday morning was on: "Education for Health Science Librarianship ;" The Employer's Point of View: What in terms of education and experience is important? the importance of a health sciences background for working in a health science library and the library technician perspective. The last panel spoke about the graduate approach and the eventual participation of medical school library staff to share the teaching.

We wish we could have participated in this meeting. We look forward to continual follow-up in future issues of BMC. How can we face the challenges and changes of the future without this sharing? The information you get from participation is invaluable. You learn that we all have the same problems. You find possible solutions to what has seemed hopeless before.

Challenges and changes is what everyone is facing daily but most especially in these days of recession. Arlene and I have been facing the challenge of giving you regular contact through publishing BMC. With you, we look forward to the challenges and changes which will be created by our incoming editor Bonnie Stableford and we wish you lots of luck.

*Pierrette Dubuc*

PIERRETTE DUBUC

*Arlene Greenberg*  
ARLENE GREENBERG

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT ; CHLA/ABSC ANNUAL REPORT - 1981-1982 - ANN D. NEVILL

This column is coming to you directly from Saskatoon, while events are still fresh in my mind. It has been a highly successful conference. Attendance was better than had been expected, hotel facilities were excellent, and, above all, the programme was, in my opinion, one of the best I have attended. I'm sorry you could not all have been here. A very special thanks is due to all the people who worked so hard to produce a really professional conference.

Patrick Brennan, our MLA liaison arrived via a very circuitous route, and took an active part, both in the AGM and at the two (long) Board meetings. At the Board meetings it was decided to set up a Finance Committee composed of the President, Vice-President and Treasurer. The Education and Consumer Health Committees were changed to standing committees, since it was felt that these two topics should be always with us. A Publications Committee was also set up, with Sandra Langlands as Board representative, plus the Editors and David Crawford.

Identification of potential new CHLA chapters was discussed at the AGM and the Board meetings. If anyone has suggestions, I would welcome them.

Our new MLA liaison representative is Linda Solomon Shiff. Sandra Langlands is the new Director, and last, but far from least, we welcome Barbara Greeniaus as Vice-President/President-Elect.

The next Board meeting will be in Toronto in early October, piggy-backing on the AOMC meeting in an attempt to save on travel funds. The Winnipeg people are already planning our 7th Annual Conference, and I hope the turnout will be even better next year.

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING'S REPORT

- SECRETARY: J. CLAIRE CALLAGHAN

The Annual General Meeting of CHLA/ABSC was held in Saskatoon on June 8, 1982. Forty-four members attended. The Presidents report, Mr. Elmer Smith's letter and Reports from the following Committees; namely, Job Classification, Consumer Health, Education, Nominations/Elections, Publications and Membership were read and will be published in the BMC.

The Treasurer's "Interim Report, June 1, 1982 - May 31, 1983" was distributed. The motion to re-appoint the Auditor was passed.

The Consumer Health Committee has been changed from a Special Committee to Standing Committee status. Terms of reference for this Committee will be drafted in the near future.

The Education Committee has also received Standing Committee status. There was a great deal of discussion regarding MLA Certification and its relevance in Canada. The general feeling was that, at a much later time, CHLA/ABSC would have its own certification code. Until then, it is helpful to have MLA approve our own CE courses. It was moved by Barbara Greeniaus, seconded by Audrey Kerr, that CHLA should not make any formal statements about MLA certification. The motion was passed.

The idea of preceptorship, exchange or "twinning" was discussed. The concept would help to promote friendship and understanding between libraries of other countries.

The matter of the MLA membership fees being paid in American currency was discussed. After a lengthy discussion of various alternatives, it was decided to defer this matter until the CHLA membership is polled to determine what percentage of our membership are personal members of MLA.

The History of Health Sciences Librarianship book will not be published. CANHEALTH chapters will appear in the forthcoming issues of the BMC.

It was proposed that the French translation of the By-laws of CHLA/ABSC be adopted.

Reports were tabled from four Chapters; namely, the Manitoba Health Libraries Association, the Nova Scotia Health Libraries Association, the Ottawa/Hull Health Libraries Association and the Toronto Medical Libraries Group.

Kathy Eagleton and Dorothy Fitzgerald have been appointed as members of the HSRC Advisory Committee.

A report from the Health and Welfare Canada Library re: projects such as the on-line circulation system, microfilming and the historical catalogue will be published in the BMC.

The regional representation issue was raised. Comments such as "regional chapters were to handle regional problems" and "as we grow, regional representation will become more viable" were made. It was decided to leave the question of Director-East, Director-Central and Director-West for the time being.

The 7th Annual CHLA Programme Committee has been formed. The meeting will be held in Winnipeg from June 13-16, 1983.

Congratulations were extended to Joanne Marshall for winning the prestigious 1982 Eliot Prize for her article in the Journal of Medical Education 1981; 86: 409-16.

A special vote of thanks was made to Arlene Greenberg and Pierrette Dubuc for their fine efforts as Co-editors of the BMC from 1980-82; and to Sandra Langlands and Dorothy Fitzgerald for planning the very successful 6th annual CHLA/ABSC meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

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## REPORT OF THE NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEES, SASKATOON, JUNE 8, 1982. - CHAIRMAN: V. EMPEY

Concern was expressed at last year's annual meeting about lack of regional representation on the CHLA board. I therefore invited each chapter to appoint a representative to the nominating committee. Two letters were sent to each chapter; only four chapters acknowledged the invitation to participate. Toronto was already represented on the committee by the chairman so it was decided that an additional representative was not necessary. The Manitoba and Nova Scotia chapters appointed Dallas Bagby and Linda Harvey respectively. Pierrette Dubuc represented Montreal.

The committee was unable to obtain more than one nomination for Vice-Chairman, Chairman-Elect so Barbara Greeniaus was acclaimed Vice-Chairman on the ballot. Three candidates stood for election to the office of Director-Vernona Hall, Joyce Kublin, and Sandra Langlands. One hundred and sixty-two ballots were received. Sandra Langlands was elected to the board.

# BIBLIOTHECA MEDICA CANADIANA

## REPORT OF THE EDITORS:

- A. GREENBERG, P. DUBUC

As we near the end of our two-year term as co-editors of EMC, we submit this final report to the CHLA Board for the annual meeting 1982.

### Report of issues and pages:

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| Volume 3, no. 2/3, 1981 | 29 pages |
| Volume 3, no. 4, 1982   | 36 pages |
| Volume 3, no. 5, 1982   | 28 pages |

Due to the postal strike last August, 1981, the issue scheduled to appear at that time was delayed and combined with the next issue to form Volume 3, no. 2/3, 1981 which was sent out in November.

What made publishing EMC a memorable experience for us was the tremendous team effort we received from EMC correspondents, the contributors and finally our publications chairman, Mr. David Crawford. Our appreciation and thanks to the contributors who faithfully submitted news from their area and kept all points east and west informed; to the contributors who took the time to write interesting and informative articles keeping us 'on top' of the issues to the concern of all of us; and to David Crawford, our publications chairman, who was always there to lend a hand of support when we needed it. Without this cooperation, EMC would never work. The editors would like to acknowledge the typing assistance given by Ms. Jackie Margolis. She has been the typist for the last year and has made our job feel much lighter.

We wish our incoming editor, Bonnie Stableford all the best of luck as she assumes her editorship this summer and assure her that we will do all we can to make the takeover as smooth as possible.

We have had the opportunity over the last 2 years to meet and work closely with many of our CHLA members. This contact has been most gratifying and has enriched our experiences.



## REPORT ON SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

### - GALE MOORE

This committee was established by the Board at its May 1981 meeting. It was established as a Special Committee and Gale Moore was asked to Convene.

Sandra Langlands (U of T), Jan Greenwood (OMA) and Gale Moore (U of T) formed the initial committee. Linda Harvey (Dalhousie) was invited to join and a call for members was placed in the Fall Bibliotheca Medica Canadiana. No responses were received. Sudi Sedani (U of T), Mary Conchelos (U of T) and Elizabeth Reid (Toronto Western Hospital) expressed interest and were invited to join.

The committee met 6 times from June 1981-May 1982 and made oral reports to the Board at its Oct. and Feb. meetings.

The first task of the committee was to draft terms of reference. These were presented to the Board at its October meeting and approved by the Board at the February meeting.

The major activity of the committee concerned CE courses. A list of possible CE courses was developed and prioritized. Health statistics, Assertiveness, BRS/DIALOG/MEDLARS: a comparison and AACR<sub>2</sub> were the favoured courses. B. Stableford (CISTI) did not feel they would be ready to present health statistics this year, but possibly in June '83. J. Marshall agreed to consider doing the assertiveness, but preferred not to this year. The committee decided to go with the online course and with over 55% of the conference attendees registered it appears to have been a popular choice. MLA Certification credits are being sought for this course and the course will be taped for future reference. The committee has not considered the question of producing tapes for sale. With total conference registration expected in the 50-70 range the committee felt that only 1 course should be directed to the professional audience for fear of splitting registration. A second course directed at nonprofessionals working in hospital libraries was also planned. However, even with special publicity sent to hospital administrators in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba, only 5 registrations were received and the course was cancelled.

The CE Courses and their instructors:

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| CE 3 | Searching the health sciences literature on BRS/DIALOG/MEDLARS: a comparison<br>Instructors: Sandi Cifani (UTIAS), Sudi Sedani (U of T), Elizabeth Uleryk (McMaster) |
| CE 4 | Basic Library Skills for Hospital Personnel<br>Instructors: Verla Empey (Wellesley Hospital), Jan Greenwood (OMA)<br>Judy Inglis (U of Manitoba)                     |

## Evaluation Forms

A number of evaluation forms from a variety of educational programmes were collected and reviewed. The committee agreed that they should 1) evaluate the course content, 2) evaluate the quality of instruction 3) ask for suggestions for future CE courses and 4) be kept short.

## Finance

The Board informed the committee that CE courses were to be self-supporting. The committee felt that instructors should not be selected on the basis of ability to pay and therefore the decision was made that instructors should be reimbursed for costs over and above the institutional support they received plus an honourarium of \$75.00 should be paid to each instructor. The committee did not, however, want the cost of the CE course to be a deterrent to potential applicants. More formal guidelines are needed in this area and the committee will work on these next year.

## Relations with CIA's Continuing Education Coordinating Group

1) The convenor wrote to the Chairman of this Group in September asking that a CHLA Education Committee member be considered for membership, but the final committee had already been selected. This might be considered again if CHLA continues to meet in conjunction with CIA.

2) A request was made to the Chairman to advertise CE 3 through CIA. No response was received but a notice of the course did appear in Feliciter.

## MLA Certification

1) MLA certification credits will be sought for CE 3. The convenor passed the MLA guidelines for certification on to the instructors so that planning could proceed with these guidelines in mind. This year application for credits will be made after the course.

2) The convenor raised the question of CHLA having a formal position on MLA Certification with the Board in February. The Board requested that the committee draft a statement to be discussed at the Annual General Meeting. As the underlying concern at this time relates to employment the statement is restricted to this, and reads as follows: "While MLA Certification is seen as a worthwhile goal it should not be a condition for employment."

## Status of the Special Committee on Education

The question of making the education committee a Standing Committee of CHLA rather than a special committee will be raised at the Annual General Meeting in Saskatoon.

The convenor would like to thank the members of the committee, the Board and the Conference Committee(s) for their cooperation and their part in making this an enjoyable and satisfying year.

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## PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

- CHAIRMAN: DAVID S. CRAWFORD

During this year most publications activity has centered on the BMC and the report of the Editors is attached. Pierrette Dubuc and Arlene Greenberg have very ably edited BMC for 2 years and the Association owes them a great debt of gratitude. Bonnie Stableford will be taking over the Editorship with effect from the September 1982 issue and we all wish her well.

During this year the Annual Membership Directory was again published in December and it is appropriate here to thank Elaine Waddington who continues to be responsible for the maintenance of our mailing list and for inputting all changes and corrections.

In the course of the year the Advisory Committee on the History of Health Science Libraries in Canada (Chaired by Eileen Bradley) recommended that this work not be published in its present form and the ad-hoc Committee studying the manuscript of CanHealth (Mrs. M.A. Flower and the undersigned) advised that it could not be published without many revisions. The Board accepted both these recommendations but did agree that Mrs. Flower and David Crawford should produce CanHealth in the form of chapters, each of which will appear in BMC, starting with September or December 1982. These will serve as drafts of the final work which could then be published, in revised form, as separate publications in about 18 months.

The year closed with the publication, at last, of the translated version of our Constitution made possible, in part, by a grant from the Secretary of State.

# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON JOB CLASSIFICATION TO THE BOARD OF THE CANADIAN HEALTH LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION/ASSOCIATION DES BIBLIOTHEQUES DE LA SANTE DU CANADA

- CHAIRMAN: E. REID

The Job Classification Committee (tentative name) was suggested by CHLA Board at its February 13, 1982 meeting. The committee was created as a response to a memo presented to the Board at its October 3, 1981 meeting by the President of the Toronto Medical Librarians Group (Toronto Chapter representative to the Board). This memo was subsequently published in the BMC (v.3 no. 2-3, 1981). The memo attempted to outline some of the inequities seen in job classification systems affecting health sciences library personnel, especially those working in hospitals or other small systems which might not uniquely class library staff in a way consistent with the treatment of other health manpower groups.

Elizabeth Reid was asked to chair the committee. Initially, three Toronto area librarians have accepted requests to serve on this committee: Veronica Brunka (Ontario Ministry of Health), Diedre Green (Queen Elizabeth Hospital) and Jan Greenwood (Ontario Medical Association). This committee is just barely getting started. Attempts would be made to have professional librarians, library technicians and other categories of health sciences library staff as members. Any BMC readers who are interested should contact the chairman (Toronto Western Hospital).

The committee has only been able to meet once this year. At that initial meeting, members were given a number of handouts plus a page of informal notes from the chairman. The purpose was to share ideas and begin focusing in on preliminary terms of reference. To date we have not come to committee consensus regarding terms of reference; more discussion is necessary. It is not easy to translate problem areas into clearly defined objectives--we would prefer to spend as much time as is necessary obtaining input from a well organized committee plus have feedback from other CHLA members through BMC communications.

Six objectives are outlined below. They are not official and simply represent the ideas of the chairman. The purpose of stating them at this time is to give CHLA Board an indication of what this committee might do. Criticism should be communicated to the chairman as soon as possible.

1. Make CHLA members aware of job classification inequities via dissemination of information on this subject; encourage members to investigate situations for themselves.
2. Act as a resource for member's questions re job classification subjects.

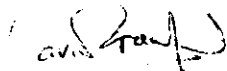
3. Investigate problems seen to exist.
4. Prepare and distribute information of value to those employers who seek information to better classify their library personnel.
5. Educate health sciences library personnel in the need to have good job descriptions.
6. Conduct a job classification survey.

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" A WORD OF THANKS ....."

This issue of BMC marks the end of the two year Editorship of Pierrette Dubuc and Arlene Greenberg. The next issue will be edited in Ottawa by Bonnie Stableford assisted by Debbie Baillie.

The Association owes Pierrette and Arlene a massive vote of thanks for having so competently edited BMC for the last two years. They have built on the strong foundation they inherited from P. J. Fawcett and hand over BMC to their successor in excellent shape.



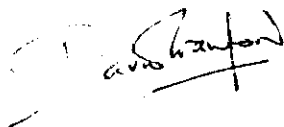
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Publications Co-ordinator

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"REMERCIEMENTS....."

Ce numéro de BMC est le dernier à paraître sous la direction de nos éditrices Pierrette Dubuc et Arlene Greenberg. Le prochain numéro sera édité à Ottawa par Bonnie Stableford, avec l'assistance de Debbie Baillie.

L'association se doit de remercier vivement Pierrette et Arlene d'avoir accompli ce travail de façon si compétente durant les deux dernières années. Elles ont ajouté à la base solide qu'elles ont hérité de P.J. Fawcett et cèdent le BMC à leur successeur sur une bonne voie.



## REPORT ON CHLA BOARD REGIONAL REPRESENTATION

- V. EMPEY, E. BRADLEY

To Ann Nevill and All Board Members for Discussion at Annual Board Meetings:

At the February Board meeting, you charged V. Empey and myself to look at our present Constitutions with a view to ascertaining whether or not it will allow for regional representation on the Board. This implies that nominations may then be sought for representation within specific areas: Eastern, Western or Central Canada.

After carefully considering the relevant sections in the Constitutions, our immediate response is that while the Constitutions in their present form allow great freedom of interpretation, they do not address the question of regional representation. Indeed, the whole thrust of the document is the governance of a national organization.

Secondly, if we remember, that CHLA is less than 10 years old, that the size of the organization (230 members approximately) and the geography of the country still make it difficult to solicit good candidates, we wonder if CHLA is ready for regional representation.

Having said this, and keeping in mind that CHLA is a national organization addressing national interests and affairs, some of the points for the Board to consider before constitutional changes are sought, are:

1. Would there be one or three nominating committees?
2. What guarantee is there that one (or three) nominating groups could always come up with candidates? - given the problem nominating committees usually have of trying to persuade people to serve.
3. What guarantee is there that regional representatives will be able to attend Board meetings?
4. What would be the mechanics of the electoral process - a vote within regional boundaries, or by the greatest number of votes for a regional representative?
5. In discussing national or international affairs or our relationship with other organizations is a regional board membership of first importance?
6. What is the role of the chapter presidents compared to regional representatives?

7. How many regions do we need and what are their borders? Central-Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec? Should Quebec be a separate region? Do Ontario and Manitoba belong together?

Finally, it is possible now by our present constitutions to appoint elected members as representatives for any specified region if this appears advantageous for the ongoing business of the organization.

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#### NOTES FROM PUBLISHER

Yes, BMC is smaller. Due to the high rates for postage and the ever increasing cost of paper it has been decided to reduce the size of BMC. This reduction will save about \$600 a year in printing costs alone and should enable us to avoid further subscription increases in 1983.

To further save money we are using up our supplies of old covers but intend to have a new cover design for the next issue. No prizes will be offered but I would be pleased to receive either suggestions or finished layouts for our new cover. Please send them to me by October 5th.

#### MOT DU DIRECTEUR DES PUBLICATIONS

Oui, le format de BMC a été réduit. Cette décision a été prise à cause du coût élevé des tarifs postaux et le prix croissant du papier. La réduction du format économisera environ six cents dollars par année sur le coût d'impression et devrait nous permettre d'éviter une autre augmentation du prix d'abonnement en 1983.

Dans le but d'économiser davantage, nous nous servons de nos réserves de couvertures mais nous avons l'intention de changer le plan de notre couverture à partir du prochain numéro. Nous ne pouvons pas vous offrir de prix, mais je serais heureux de recevoir soit des suggestions, soit des dessins finis pour notre nouvelle couverture. Vous êtes priés de me les faire parvenir avant le 5 octobre.

David Crawford

Publications Coordinator

## REPORT OF THE CONSUMER HEALTH INFORMATION COMMITTEE

- CHAIRMAN: J. MARSHALL

During the past year, four members have agreed to participate on the Committee and we have begun corresponding on the projects which the Committee might undertake. The Chairman has also maintained a liaison with the Medical Library Association Consumer Health Information Committee and the American Library Association Health Library Section. Recently a draft document on "philosophy and definitions" for the librarians's role in health education prepared by MLA was circulated to the CHIA Committee for comment. The responses of our Committee members to this document will form the basis for continuing work on a document for submission to the CHLA membership.

The MIA Committee is also sending out a questionnaire to survey the nature and extent of library based consumer health education programs in the U.S. We have already undertaken an informal survey as part of the issue of BMC which was prepared on consumer health information, but the Committee may wish to consider such a survey at some future point.

The current aims of the Committee are :

1. to continue working on document on the librarian's role in providing consumer health information.
2. to prepare an evaluated bibliography on the cost/benefit of consumer health education which could be used by libraries to support such programs.
3. to prepare a list of recommended books and magazines suitable for health care consumers which could be shared amongst CHLA members.

Originally, I had thought that the work of this Committee would be over in a fairly short period, however it is clear that much time and effort will be required to produce the librarian's role document and that there are a variety of related projects which could be undertaken by the Committee which would benefit members of CHIA. This being the case, I would ask that the CHLA Annual Meeting consider whether an ongoing role is supported by the membership and if so, whether more formal terms of reference should be prepared by the Chairman. I personally believe that such a continuing basis would be appropriate, subject to annual review.



## REPORTS FROM THE CHLA/ABSC CHAPTERS

### British Columbia

Correspondent : David Noble

During 1981/82, the B.C. Health Libraries Association changed its legal name to HLA Health Libraries Association of B.C. (HLABC) as a pre-requisite for non-profit society registration (pending) in the province. This change was necessary because of name conflict with other B.C. associations already registered.

Newly elected officers of the B.C. Association for 1982/83 are: President-Sharon Robertson, Lions Gate Hospital Library; President-Elect-Diana Kent, UBC Woodward Biomedical Library; Treasurer-Barbara Saint, St. Paul's Hospital Library; Secretary-Judy Chrysler and Newsletter Editor-Bill Fraser, both of B.C. Medical Library Service.

The Association's Health Education Committee opened liaison with public librarians in B.C. and is preparing a recommended list of health-related lay and technical material for use in B.C. public libraries.

Programs of Association meetings included presentations by Dr. Elizabeth Patriarche of Victoria who spoke on women in medicine down through the ages "Vive la Difference!" Drs. Peter Grantham and Fred Bass spoke on the "The Public's Right to Know" and "Public Information as a Tool of Preventive Medicine."

HLABC's Continuing Education Committee hosted a one-day seminar on the role and prospects of B.C.'s Knowledge Network (satellite and cable) and the Telehealth system (satellite) in furthering health education and information transfer in B.C. and across Canada.

The long awaited UBC "Health Science Libraries Network" has become a reality. The Network consists of four teaching hospital libraries in greater Vancouver now managed by UBC Library staff with some central coordination through UBC's Woodward Biomedical Library on campus. Network funding has permitted upgrading of collections and staffing at each of the teaching hospital libraries and interconnecting delivery service has been introduced.

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### Manitoba

Correspondent : Marilyn J. Hernandez

### Manitoba Health Libraries Association

Once again, I am pleased to report that M.H.L.A. has enjoyed a very active, productive, and satisfying year due to the enthusiasm and dedication of its committees.

Thanks to an energetic Programme Committee, workshops at our two general

meetings and our AGM were well attended. Our traditionally rural September meeting, held at the Selkirk Mental Health Centre, included choices of sessions on the basics of library development, film previews, and the role of the library in a mental health centre. In February, we were treated to practical library promotion and public relations techniques. Our guest speaker at our May AGM, a Minnesota librarian without a library, conducted two sessions on epilepsy information. A liaison fostered at the Medical Library Association conference in Montreal last June between M.H.L.A. and the Health Sciences Information Section of the North Dakota Library Association has resulted in tentative plans for a joint September 1982 meeting (including M.L.A. CE courses) in North Dakota.

M.H.L.A. has also increased informal liaison this year with the Manitoba Library Association, the Canadian Library Association, the Presidents' Council of Manitoba Library Associations, and the Manitoba Association of Library Technicians.

For the fifth successive year, M.H.L.A. has received enthusiastic reviews of its one-day workshop at the Manitoba Health Organizations Incorporated annual fall conference. Participants representing service organizations, libraries, a geneticist, and a well-known author discussed "Information Needs and the Disabled." Plans are already being confirmed for the 1982 conference session on information needs and seniors.

Membership in M.H.L.A. has increased slightly during 1981/82. In part as a result of renewal delays, and in part due to our increased visibility, the Executive Committee recommended to the membership that a standing Membership Committee be formed to commence June 1982. M.H.L.A. is particularly concerned that both rural and urban representation be strong and active, and that prospective new members be identified, oriented, and encouraged to get involved. The membership voted to combine the new Membership and former Nominations committees into one Membership/Nominations Committee.

Another major decision approved by M.H.L.A. this year was the disbanding of our Task Force on Shared Services, established in May 1980 as a direct result of discussions on cooperation. During the past two years, the Task Force researched and presented formal reports on the needs of, and cooperation with, Manitoba health libraries re- journals, audiovisuals, delivery service, and the concept of an "area coordinator" (one person hired to provide reference services to all members on a shared contract basis).

M.H.L.A. learned several important lessons from this Task Force exercise: both what is or may be realistic and what is not feasible at this time. On the "positive" side, M.H.L.A. has a fast-growing Union Book Catalogue (presently on cards) and a committee which is examining submission standards and options for future maintenance. Journal cooperation has been enhanced via the M.H.L.A. News, which now includes regular lists of new and trial journals and prospective discards of member libraries. A survey of hospital administration literature showed that none of our members was actively

collecting although we all need this material; one of our member libraries is now creating such a collection. In addition, an AV Interest Group has just been formed to discuss cooperative agreements.

On the "negative" side, the results of the Task Force survey on document delivery demonstrated that a proposed van delivery service would not be cost-effective at present. The "area coordinator" concept was deemed of low current priority, since M.H.L.A. members believe we can achieve most cooperative goals without such a financial commitment.

I am pleased to report that sales of the second edition of Selected Books & Journals for Manitoba Health Care Facilities are very good; we were particularly pleased to honour the request of Alfred Brandon.

M.H.L.A. will soon be re-examining its annual submission to the Health Manpower Provincial Report Manitoba of job descriptions and statistics on health library personnel. M.H.L.A. supports the creation of a C.H.L.A. committee to study job classifications and descriptions of Canadian health library personnel, the results of which would no doubt prove useful to M.H.L.A. for this submission, and for distribution to prospective employers.

M.H.L.A. members voted unanimous support for C.H.L.A.'s Regional Representation scheme as proposed at its February Board meeting, and we thank C.H.L.A. for their diligence in arriving at such a balanced solution of economics and geography.

M.H.L.A.'s Local Arrangements Committee for C.H.L.A.'s annual meeting in Winnipeg in June 1983 has been formed. We look forward to the challenges entailed, and to welcoming all C.H.L.A. members to Winnipeg!

Finally, I would like to encourage the various chapters to exchange programmes or newsletters with M.H.L.A.; we welcome the sharing of ideas and expertise beyond the auspices of the BMC.

The Presidency of the Manitoba Health Libraries Association has been a challenging and rewarding experience, and I particularly thank the other Executive Committee members (Dallas Bagby, Pres.-Elect; Colleen Brown, Secretary; Leone Banks, Treasurer) for their assistance. In turn, M.H.L.A. owes thanks to the institution administrators without whose support we could not be nearly as effective and self-supporting.

The Executive Committee of M.H.L.A. for 1982/1983 is as follows:

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| President       | Dallas Bagby, Medical Library, St. Boniface General Hospital, Winnipeg |
| President-Elect | Sharon Allentuck, Library, Misericordia General Hospital, Winnipeg     |

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| Secretary | Janice Saunders, Medical Library, Deer Lodge Hospital,<br>Winnipeg               |
| Treasurer | Gurcharan Bawa, Children's Hospital Library, Health<br>Sciences Centre, Winnipeg |

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Ontario

Correspondent : Elizabeth A. Reid

The Toronto Medical Libraries Group has had a very busy year and the time has gone by all too quickly. Coordinating activities has been a great learning experience. The group's accomplishments could not have been possible without the help of enthusiastic, hard-working members of the executive. They did an excellent job and I feel very fortunate to have been able to work with such a fine group of people.

Membership in TMLG is at an all time high -- 139. About 75 institutions are represented. All health library personnel in Toronto and vicinity are encouraged to join.

The programs for our meetings have been fully described in other reports. To summarize, they are: October 19, 1981 -- The Drug Information Centre, hosted by Linda McFarlane, Sunnybrook Medical Centre; December 14, 1981 -- Xmas party, hosted by Carol Morrison, Ontario Cancer Institute; January 18, 1982 -- Chiropractic, hosted by Claire Callaghan, Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College; March 16, 1982 -- Telidon, hosted by Joanne Marshall, McMaster University; and May 3, 1982 -- Librarianship, guest speaker John Wilkinson, Faculty of Library Science, U of T. A theme of health professional interaction can be seen in our programming this year -- we have learned from one another and hopefully advanced our knowledge of one another's needs through better communications.

The following business activities took place:

- A task force was appointed to look into the automation, management and maintenance of our union list of serials. The present list is now three years out of date and requires reassessment of the approach to updating if it is to remain a viable and useful tool.
- A review of our constitution was begun. Further scrutiny is required, perhaps by a special committee which can devote the required time to this project.
- A membership list was prepared for distribution to members. This was done for the first time last fall and will be repeated annually.
- A newsletter, the TMLG News, was prepared for the first time last September as a vehicle for communicating to our membership in an efficient and economical way. It was distributed four times during the 81/82 season.

- TMLG was represented at semiannual meetings of the Toronto Area Librarians Group. The purpose of that group is to share ideas, discuss issues and inform members of forthcoming meeting topics. If such a group is not in existence in other CHLA chapter locations, it might be worthwhile investigating the feasibility of forming a similar group. Members are presidents of local library associations plus chairmen of library educational institutions. Their meetings have always been interesting.

- The TMLG president attended, as an observer, four meetings of the Health Professions Council of Metropolitan Toronto. The Council's objectives include the coordination and integration of health care delivery through multidisciplinary health professional team approach. It was formed three years ago in response to a need for input into the new (1981) Metropolitan Toronto District Health Council. Its meetings emphasize interprofessional knowledge and sharing of common goals towards fulfilling the health needs of the general public. A report on the health sciences library profession was presented and lively discussion resulted. A task force was set up to review the need for an integrated health professions library serving all health professions in the Metro area. They have identified/perceived a gap in services to community-based health professionals. Do other CHLA members agree with their view? Unfortunately, library materials are bought by associations or institutions funded to meet certain priority needs and if interlibrary loan (lack of browsability) is unsatisfactory, then priorities may have to be changed. The hope is that government funding of interdisciplinary services will be more probably due to cost-effectiveness and better overall results expected.

- TMLG kept up a conscientious dialog with CHLA. A memo was submitted to the Board describing concern for the seeming lack of consistent and knowledgeable application of job classification systems to health sciences library staff, especially those people working in special libraries outside large government and university settings. We replied formally to regional representation issues. CHLA was promoted frequently at meetings and through our newsletter. Our new logo, created by the winner of a Logo Contest announced at our first meeting last Fall, incorporates the CHLA logo and signifies our chapter status, which we are very proud to have. Several TMLG members have been actively involved with CHLA committees this year. The executive agreed at its last meeting that if asked, TMLG would be willing to host a CHLA annual meeting in Toronto in 1984. (CHLA will be in Toronto in '84; the local chapter of MLA will hold its meeting in Toronto in Oct. '83; by 1984 we'll be seasoned veterans at running conferences!)

The executive for 1982/83 are:

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| President                                  | Carol Morrison, Ontario Cancer Institute Library                 |
| President-Elect &<br>Programme Coordinator | Elizabeth Uleryk, McMaster University Health<br>Sciences Library |

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| Secretary      | Susan Murray, University of Toronto Faculty of Dentistry Library (for '81/82: Sandra Langlands, U of T Science & Medicine Library) |
| Treasurer      | Margaret Robins, Women's College Hospital Medical Library (elected for a second term)  |
| Past President | Elizabeth Reid, Toronto Western Hospital Health Sciences Library (for '81/82: Edna Allen, Warner-Lambert Reference Library)        |

I wish to thank the executive and membership for their splendid support this year. Best wishes for an equally active and productive year to our President-Elect, Carol Morrison.

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Ottawa/Hull

Correspondent : Doris E. Foster

The OHHLG (Ottawa Chapter of CHLA) held 5 meetings during 1981-82 with an average attendance of 13 people. Persons attending represented a broad cross-section of health libraries - government, hospital, university and special libraries such as the national association libraries.

The first meeting of the year on October 14, 1981 was not a formal meeting. Miss Mabel Brown of the Ottawa Civic Hospital arranged an informal session for Ottawa area health science librarians with Dr. Martin Cummings of the National Library of Medicine and Mr. G. McDonald of University Microfilms. This session was held after Dr. Cummings had participated in a seminar with the staff of the Ottawa Civic Hospital, also arranged by Miss. Brown. It was an interesting session with Dr. Cummings expressing concern that private data base suppliers might market the MEDLARS data bases in a way he felt might be incompatible with the principle of fair access to all.

The next four meetings were formal ones taking the form of a business meeting first, coffee and then a guest speaker. They were held November 26, 1981, January 21, 1982, March 18, 1982 and May 20, 1982. Host libraries were: Library Systems Centre, National Library; the Canadian Hospital Association Library; the Canadian Dental Association Library; and the Queensway-Carleton Hospital Health Sciences Library. Topics discussed included: DOBIS, a computerized management system used by the National Library and by several other federal libraries; managing a microforms project; talks on the four national association libraries (CDA, CHA, CMA, and CNA) by the librarians responsible for these libraries; and a talk on the "selling" or marketing of library services.

The group decided to charge a \$10.00 membership fee payable in September each year. This money will be used for petty cash, operating expenses and any costs connected with guest speakers.

Another decision taken by some members of the group was to write an article or news item for BMC. All members were urged to consider writing for BMC because this is the main vehicle by which the separate chapters of CHLA/ABSC maintain contact and exchange ideas.

The executive for 1982/83 are:

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| President      | Doris Foster, National Health and Welfare |
| Vice-President | Margo Beres, Canadian Dental Association  |
| Secretary      | Kyungja Shin, Ottawa Civic Hospital       |

The Chapter thanks Diane Kharouba and Sheila Dyne for their service over the past years and welcomes Margo and Kyungja as the new vice-president and secretary.

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Nova Scotia

Correspondent : Verona Hall

Twenty-eight individuals from seventeen institutions are currently members. Hospital, university, government and public libraries are represented. Executive for 1981-82 are: President, Verona Hall (Health Sciences Library, Camp Hill Hospital); Vice-President, Rachel Robertson (Health Services Library, Halifax Infirmary); Secretary, Catherine Krause (WK Kellogg Health Sciences Library; Ex-officio member, Ann Nevill (WK Kellogg Health Sciences Library).

Four general meetings were held during the past year. Guest speakers addressed the group on: The Planned Camp Hill Medical Centre, Overview of Computer Resources for Library Management, and Introduction to the Nova Scotia Association of Health Organizations. A visit was made to the Abbie J. Lane Memorial Hospital.

A workshop on Book Acquisition was held. This turned out to be a success as many unfamiliar faces attended from hospital libraries throughout the province. It was agreed to continue this practice in the future.

In December 1981 NSHLA surveyed hospital libraries throughout the Maritime Provinces regarding their needs for continuing education courses and a request for information for the compilation of a Directory of the Hospital Libraries in the Maritime Provinces. Over 50% of the institutions responded which included most of the larger hospitals.

Plans for the summer include a visit to the Nova Scotia Commission on Drug Dependency, the completion of the Hospital Library Directory and the organization of a Hospital Library Workshop.

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NEWS ..... NEWS ..... NEWS ..... NEWS

# BEATRIX H. ROBINOW IS RETIRING AS HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARIAN

After a long and distinguished career, Mrs. Robinow will be retiring from McMaster on August 1, 1982. Mrs. Robinow has been the Health Sciences Librarian since 1966 when she was appointed to develop a library for the newly formed Faculty of Health Sciences. Prior to her work at McMaster, Mrs. Robinow held several positions including librarian at the University of Natal in South Africa and the Toronto General Hospital. Mrs. Robinow was a charter member of the Toronto Medical Libraries Group and has been active in the Medical Library Association over the years, culminating in her membership on the Board of Directors from 1978 to 1981. She was chairman and organizer of the Hamilton District Health Library Network and served on a number of key committees for both the Medical Library Association and the Ontario Council of Health.

After  
August 1, Mrs. Robinow's address will be 122 Airdrie Road, Toronto, Ontario,  
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## PRESS RELEASES .....CONFERENCES

### OALT/ABO's 9th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The 9th annual conference, "A New View in '82", of OALT/ABO was held at Lakehead University, Thunder Bay from May 13-15th. The workshops provided a fresh perception of the Library Technicians' capabilities in today's information society. Sixteen different workshops offered over the three days of the conference provided insight and hands-on experience with this new technology.

The wit and whimsy of Arthur Black, the guest speaker at the banquet, delighted everyone. The election of the 1982/1983 Executive took place at the Annual Business Meeting. The new Executive is: Danielle Amat (Ottawa) President; Barbra Cope (Ottawa) Vice-President; Helen Luoma (Toronto) Secretary; Pat Buczkowski (Toronto) Treasurer; Nancy Carlucci (Toronto) Public Relations Coordinator. Two positions were officially added to the administration of OALT/ABO: Archivist - Andrew Porteus (Niagara) and Newsletter Editor - Marg Bushell and Marion Doucette.

Sudbury has requested the honour of hosting the 10th Annual Conference. The dates will be May 5 - 7, 1983.

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### 48TH IFLA GENERAL CONFERENCE, MONTREAL, AUGUST 22-28, 1982

In a previous communiqué, you were informed of the 48th General Conference of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) to be held in Montreal this August. At that time, we dealt with the organization of the Conference and of the progress of preparations being undertaken for an international conference of these dimensions. You will recall that some 1500 delegates and participants from over one hundred countries are expected at the Montreal Conference.

The IFLA Professional Board chose "Networks" as the theme of the 1982 Conference. Indeed, what better forum to foster the spirit of cooperation essential to the creation of information networks than an international Conference bringing together information specialists from all parts of the world? The theme is closely related to two of IFLA's main preoccupations: Universal Bibliographic Control (UBC) and the Universal Availability of Publications (UAP). The objectives of these programs can be realized only by means of networks set up on an international scale.

The establishment of networks addresses two major priorities in the context of documentation and libraries: the rapid and efficient transfer

of information in a world in which, henceforth, all human endeavor is dependent on information, and the rationalization of human and material resources for information management. At this moment, we are experiencing, on one hand, a real decrease in available resources, and, on the other hand, a sharp increase in the volume of information and the costs involved in its management. Only through cooperative networking can we obtain greater access to information, while minimizing costs.

Although all networks in the information field are not necessarily computerized, it is mainly as a result of the evolution in computers and telecommunications in the last decade that we can now look forward to networks capable of effective information management and the rapid transmission of ever-increasing masses of data.

Information networks may be of several types: networks supplying literature itself, such as the inter-library loan network; networks supplying information about literature, such as cooperative networks for cataloging and the exchange of bibliographic data ; or networks supplying information contained in literature, such as online information retrieval networks for accessing bibliographic, textual and numeric databases.

For ultimate efficiency, the various networks will have to speak the same language. This will require cooperation at both national and international levels. Multilateral agreements will have to be concluded between appropriate national agencies for the standardization of data-forming, software, end-user interfaces, and computer hardware. International meetings such as the 48th IFLA General Conference have an important role to play in bringing this about.

The Conference will deal with the planning, organization and management of networks, their structures and support technologies, as well as their implications for the information user, their repercussions worldwide, the legal and political problems they raise, the necessity of standardization, and future prospects.

Registration fees are \$125 for the entire Conference. To facilitate the participation of Canadians and Quebecers in the various professional meetings, the Organizing Committee has provided for single-day registration. Daily fees will be \$25 until July 1, and \$30 thereafter. A special form for daily registration is available on request from the Conference Secretariat. This formula entitles the registrant to take part in meeting only.

Exhibits of products and services related to networks and libraries in general will be on display during the Conference. We are pleased to announce that all librarians and information specialists may visit the Exhibits free of charge on Thursday, August 26, whether or not they are registered at the Conference. The Exhibits will be located at the conference level of the Queen Elizabeth Hotel.

The 48th IFIA General Conference will very soon be here, and the Organizing Committee is doing all in its power to ensure that your stay in Montreal will be both worthwhile and enjoyable.

For more information, please contact Onil Dupuis, President of the Organizing Committee, at (514) 288-8524, or Denis Rousseau, President of the Information and Publicity Sub-Committee, at (514) 873-2997.

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### NORTH ATLANTIC HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARIES

#### MEDICAL LIBRARY ORGANIZATION CELEBRATES 25 YEARS

The North Atlantic Health Sciences Libraries will celebrate twenty-five years of existence at the annual meeting at The Balsams in Dixville Notch, New Hampshire on October 12 - 14, 1982. Composed of medical center and hospital librarians from New England and eastern Canada, the NAHSL Conference will be co-hosted by the Health Sciences Librarians of New Hampshire and Vermont, and Dana Biomedical Library at Dartmouth College.

In addition to the anniversary celebration, the three-day program will include invited papers, continuing education courses under the auspices of the nationwide Medical Library Association, and workshops and seminars on "New Technology and the Health Sciences Library."

The NAHSL 82 keynote speaker will be Mr. B. Earl Henderson, Chief of the Communications Engineering Branch of the Lister Hill National Center for Biomedical Communications, a branch of the National Library of Medicine. Mr. Henderson has been employed by the National Library of Medicine for ten years as an authority in telecommunications and electronics, and in their application to the medical field.

For registration information for this program, please contact Marilyn Rutkowski, Medical Library, Memorial Hospital, 8 Prospect Street, Nashua, New Hampshire, 03061. Tel: 802/883-5521, x. 2750.

For further information, please contact: Sue Maywood, Agency for Human Services Library, Vermont State Hospital, Waterbury, VT. 05676. Tel. 802/241-2248 OR Janet Miller, Medical Library, Copley Hospital, Morrisville, VT 05661. Tel. 802/888-4231, x. 270.

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